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## City of Sugar City

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## MAY 2016

## Happy Mother's Day!

**May 5th** – 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning Meeting

**May 7** – Cinco de Mayo Celebration 12-3 p.m. @ Heritage Park

**May 8th** – Mother's Day

**May 9th** – Spring Cleanup

**May 9th** – Arbor Day Celebration 11:30 a.m.

**May 12th & 13th** – Hazardous Waste Collection 7:00 to 5:00

**May 12th** – City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. **\*\*Public Hearings on Dalling Property & Status of Funded Activities for Block Grant\*\***

**May 19th** – 7p.m. Planning & Zoning Meeting

**May 26th** – City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. **\*\*Public Hearing on Animal Ordinance\*\***

**May 27th** (Friday) – Fisherman's Breakfast - 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Clyde Keefer Memorial Park St. Anthony, Id

**May 30th** – Memorial Day  
City Office Closed

### Dates to Remember:

**June 4th** – Teton Dam Marathon

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Community Breakfast @ Heritage Park  
6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**ANIMAL ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS:** "Animals Other Than Canines", Ordinance # 304. You may see the proposed changes to the ordinance on the city's website or come into city hall for a copy. The public hearings will be on May 26th and on June 9th. We encourage citizen participation.

**"DALLING ANNEXATION & ZONE ASSIGNMENT" & "STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR BLOCK GRANT" PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The public hearings concerning "Dalling Annexation & Zone Assignment" and "The Status of Funded Activities" will be on May 12th at 6:30 p.m.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** Because of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th, garbage pickup for that week will be Friday, June 3rd.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES:** Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Madison County residents is coming up on May 12th (Thursday) and 13th (Friday). The collection will take place at the Madison County Transfer Station at 530 Airport Road in Rexburg from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This service is **free of charge**. The next collection dates are Sept. 8th & 9th.

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION:** The Sugar City Stake Public Affairs Committee along with St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rexburg will be hosting the first Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Sugar City Heritage Park from **12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7**. Authentic Mexican Food will be for sale to help raise money to pay for a needed new roof for the Catholic Church in Rexburg. Piñata's, dance performances, chant contests and other activities will be provided for the public's enjoyment. Plan to stop by and enjoy some great food and entertainment. Contact Elaine King at 356-4419 for more information.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION:** As Sugar City is an official Tree City, USA, the Tree and Beautification Committee will be holding an Arbor Day Celebration on **May 9th at 11:30 a.m.** near the gazebo in Heritage Park where a new tree will be planted. Students from the Kershaw School participated in an Arbor Day Art Contest and the winners will be honored at the tree planting ceremony. Come see their artwork displayed at city hall. The public is welcome to attend.

**SPRING CLEANUP:** Spring cleanup begins May 9th. **Please wait for city wide clean-up to put out garbage to help prevent the wind from blowing garbage around our city. The dumpster on the west side of town is also available for use. Please do not use the dumpster for household garbage.** Since it is expensive for the crews to backtrack, we will be unable to accommodate backtrack requests. Due to regulations, please be reminded first, we cannot pick up leaves and grass clippings unless they are bagged. Second, we cannot pick up large projects such as remodeling materials, roofing, large pieces of concrete, tires, paint, chemicals, batteries, and used oil. Please cut tree limbs to ten-foot lengths or less.

**FLOWER BARREL FUND:** We will continue planting live flowers in the barrels on Center Street this year. We appreciate any donations, which are generally \$5.00, to fund this project. If you would like to help, please make a separate check out and mark contributions "Flower Fund" and drop them off at City Hall or send them in with your utility bill. Thank you.

**\*\*\*FYI:** In the near future, we will be creating a FAQ's page on our website that will address common questions.\*\*\*

**\*\*\*REMINDER:** Please have your backflow preventers on your sprinkler systems tested and bring your report into City Hall. Thank you.

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May 3, 2016

Dear City Residents,

It is nice to finally have Spring, especially as we see all of the preparations you are making to make this such a beautiful place to live. We will be celebrating Arbor Day on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Heritage Park. We encourage all of you to attend the event. I received a letter last month indicating that Sugar City was named a 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The city is one of 3,400 communities that have received this honor.

The project to provide city services to the new fertilizer plant, located just north of the Sugar City Business Park, is nearing completion. We are excited that this business has decided to make Sugar City its home. This will provide some good jobs for the community and is making a significant impact to our local economy. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting ceremony when the building is finished. I hope that you will help us to welcome them.

The Tree and Beautification Committee is working hard to plant flowers in newer containers and in more locations. We hope that you will consider donating to the City for this effort. This helps to make Sugar City a beautiful place. We also thank them for putting on the Arbor Day Celebration. They are doing such a great job for the city.

I have received some letters from residents about the impact of the newly rejuvenated Old Farm Estates subdivision, located just to the south of the LDS Stake Center. The new owners have worked hard to address this ongoing concern, while trying to bring needed growth to our city, after many years of a declining economy.

There are currently eleven homes that have been completed or are in some state of construction. A few of these homes already have families residing there. It is anticipated that it will take about ten to fifteen years for this subdivision to become full. This will allow the city to work with the school district in order to anticipate and provide for the number of new students. We have already had meetings with the district on this very important matter. There will also be impacts to the water and sewer systems operated by the city. We have already authorized studies to be done in order to anticipate this impact, and will set in place strategies on how to best meet this growth.

Madison County has just completed a transportation study, which will allow us to anticipate the new traffic flows, and then go after monies that will help us meet the increasing demand on our streets. Especially 3<sup>rd</sup> South and 7<sup>th</sup> West up to 9<sup>th</sup> North. These will be the main ones impacted.

The city currently provides law enforcement through the Madison County Sherriff's office. We will maintain a good working relationship with them. However, we will need everyone's help to stay vigilant and report any problems you may become aware of. I will encourage them to become more visible to the public and provide more patrols in our community.

We are considering the creation of a Community Events Committee to help plan and administer new activities, as well as the old ones. If you have any ideas for good events or would like to participate on this committee, please contact the city.

All of this, of course, costs money. However, as time goes on we will have more taxpayers to support these projects, especially as we encourage good businesses to locate here. Please become a part of the solution by participating in the decision making process. I realize that growth and change is not easy, but it is inevitable. I believe that we can make each challenge an opportunity for good things to happen. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*David D. Ogden*

David D. Ogden, Mayor

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